President.—You can put another question, and not a supplementary question like this.

The removal of liquor shops from Kunnamkulam Town limits.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

62. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) Whether the Government has received any petition or representation to remove all liquor shops from within Kunnamkulam Town limits; and if the answer is in the affirmative,

(b) How many have been received within the last one year, and whether the Government has taken any action in removing the shops from the area, and if not, why?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

(a) Yes.

(b) Two representations were received within the last one year, and no action was taken on them. The reasons that weighed with the Government in doing so have been already explained in connection with a similar question put in the last session of the Legislative Council in respect of the Trichur Municipality; vide answer to Q. No. 49 (v).

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Has the Government got any data to hold that there are a host of consumers at Kunnamkulam, and if so, what are they?

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH.

That arises from the answer to question No. 49.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Whether there is any data to hold that there are a host of consumers, and if so, what are they?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

Where do you see it stated that there are a host of consumers?

President.—I do not see how it arises from the answer to question No. 49 of the budget session. Now, we are concerned with question No. 62 part (b) and not with question No. 49 (v) of the last session, and besides, there, you see, that answer has no reference to the facts. (*Hear, hear.*)

"Government considers that it is neither worth while nor necessary to go into the reasons by which arrack and toddy

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shops were not driven out of the Trichur Town. The experiment was tried in the Ernakulam Municipality where the location of the arrack and toddy shops was prohibited, and the result has been anything but satisfactory. Since it was only licit liquor that was externed from the Municipal area, illicit supply, illicit possession, and illicit sale of liquor have considerably increased. This is always the case when licit supply is cut off where there is demand."

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Have there been cases of illicit distillation or illicit tapping? Have those cases gone to Court and with what result?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR

This is not a supplementary question. Government found by experience of the local shops in the Ernakulam Town, and it is not disposed to accept the resolution submitted by the Kunnamkulam people. There was an increase of malpractices as a result of the experiment made here. That is what the Government says.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

With regard to any other Municipalities, was there any case of illicit practice detected? Was any action taken on the two representations made during the last one year?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

The reasons have already been explained in the last session, respecting the Trichur Municipality. No action was taken on them. The reasons have already been explained. If the same experiment is tried there, the same result would follow. That is why the Government answered that question in that way. I have no difficulty in answering that question at all. My objection is that it does not arise.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW

I want the President's ruling whether that question arises or not. That is to say, as a matter of fact, the question has been asked "how many petitions have been received within the period of one year and whether the Government have taken any action, etc"?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

The reasons given now hold good in Kunnamkulam also.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

That is why I ask?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

The reasons already given hold good.

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President.—I think that question is not a supplementary question.

A Caste-war Statement of Appointments in the Excise Department.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

63. Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(1) the total number of men in the Excise Department drawing Rs. 20 and above per mensem as salary, and of them

(ii) how many are :

(a) Brahmins,
(b) Non-Brahmin caste-Hindus,
(c) Tiyyas,
(d) Other non-caste Hindus,
(e) Christians,
(f) Muhammadans, and
(g) Jews?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

(i) 50

(ii)

(a) 16
(b) 20
(c) 3
(d) Nil
(e) 8
(f) 3
(g) Nil

The Duties of the Legislative Assistant to the Government Advocate.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

64. What are the duties of the Legislative Assistant to the Government Advocate? Is he allowed to practise as a Vakil?

Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.

The duties of the Legislative Assistant to the Government Advocate are generally to assist the Government Advocate in drafting Government bills and rules to be issued under the Regulations passed.

Yes. He is allowed to practise as a Vakil.

The Qualification for Judges.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

65. Are there any qualifications for Judges of the Chief Court and of the District Courts in the Cochin State? If so, what are they?

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